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Five municipalities to benefit from gas tax fund for green infrastructure (08/04/25)

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HAMPTON (CNB) - Five municipalities will be making essential improvements to local infrastructure after receiving their first payments under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-up Fund. Local Government Minister Carmel Robichaud and Fundy Royal MP Rob Moore made the announcement today.

(Multimedia)

Hampton, Dorchester, Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert and Saint-Antoine will receive payments totalling $660,548, and together they will receive funding of more than $1.6 million by 2010.

"The Government of New Brunswick recognizes that improving municipal infrastructure is a priority," Robichaud said. "We are aware of the challenges of renewing and replacing municipal infrastructure, and we want to keep working with municipalities and the federal government to obtain and maintain safe and adequate local infrastructure. This will help us achieve our goal of self-sufficiency by 2026."

The municipalities will use the funds for environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects such as water systems, wastewater treatment, community-energy systems, public transit, capacity building, and active transportation, including local roads and bridges.

"The Government of Canada is proud to partner with New Brunswick in helping municipalities respond to their important infrastructure needs," Moore said. "By investing in priorities such as wastewater treatment and water systems, we are moving forward on our commitment to work hand-in-hand with New Brunswickers."

Moore attended on behalf of Lawrence Cannon, minister of transport, infrastructure and communities.

New Brunswick will receive $116.1 million from the gas tax fund from 2005 to 2010, to which the provincial government will add $30 million. Following Budget 2007, a further $178.5 million in funding will go to the province from 2010 to 2014, for a total of $294.6 million in federal funding over nine years.

To receive its first payment under the fund, each municipality submitted a five-year capital investment plan for review by the province, and signed an agreement with the Department of Local Government to implement the plan.

Investment collaboration with provinces and municipalities is a key feature of the federal approach to infrastructure.

In December 2007, the governments of Canada and New Brunswick announced the signing of the Building Canada Framework Agreement. With this agreement, the Government of Canada committed to an investment of more than $540 million towards infrastructure needs in New Brunswick from 2007 to 2014. In addition, in Budget 2008 the

Government of Canada announced that the gas tax fund will become permanent from 2014, at $2 billion per year. This will facilitate long-term planning by municipalities.

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List of projects

Dorchester - first payment of $77,759, total payment by 2010 of $194,398

The Village of Dorchester will undertake projects under the local roads and bridges category.

Hampton - first payment of $325,790, total payment by 2010 of $814,475

The Town of Hampton will undertake projects under the community energy systems, local roads and bridges, public transit, wastewater and water categories.

Hillsborough - first payment of $104,984, total payment by 2010 of $262,458

The Village of Hillsborough will undertake projects under the capacity building, community energy systems and wastewater categories.

Riverside-Albert - first payment of $32,034, total payment by 2010 of $80,083

The Village of Riverside-Albert will undertake projects under the community energy systems category.

Saint-Antoine - first payment of $119,981, total payment by 2010 of $299,952

The Village of Saint-Antoine will undertake projects under the wastewater and water categories.

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